

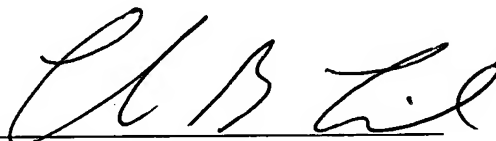
### **REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed September 3, 2004, issued a restriction on the claims, alleging claims 1-17 (Claim Group I) and 18-21 (Claim Group II) are directed to two distinct inventions. In response, Applicants hereby elect Claim Group I for continued prosecution in this application, without traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-17 are in proper condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner pass this case to issuance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. We hereby authorize any deficiencies or additional fees that may be required to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. B. Linder', written over a horizontal line.

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